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1. SUMMARY: THE GOG HAS PUBLISHED THE TURKISH REPLY WHICH

REJECTS AS UNACCEPTABLE THE GOG'S PROTEST OF AUGUST 7 (REFTEL) CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SISMIK I OVER THE GREEK-CLAIMED CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE AEGEAN. OPPOSITION LEADERS MAVROS AND PAPANDREOU, WHO ARE BEING CALLED IN SEPARATELY TO BE BRIEFED BY PRIME MINISTER CARAMNLIS THIS MORNING (AUGUST 9), HAVE ISSUED STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE MATTER, AS HAS COMMUNIST PARTY INTERIOR LEADER KYRKOS. WHILE MAVROS SUGGESTED STEPS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION, KYRKOS AND, ESPECIALLY, PAPANDREOU CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE WAY IN WHICH IT IS HANDLING THE MATTER. THE PRIME MINISTER CONVENED THE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE (I.E. THE SMALL CABINET) LAST EVENING AND AGAIN THIS MORNING AND THE GOG HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL SOON MAKE PUBLIC THE NEXT MEASURES WHICH IT INTENDS TO TAKE TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN PUBLISHED THIS MORNING (AUGUST 9) THE FULL TEXT OF THE TURKISH RESPONSE TO THE GREEK NOTE OF PROTEST OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SISMIK I SEISMOGRAPHIC VESSEL IN THE AEGEAN AREA OVER THE GREEK-CLAIMED CONTINENTAL SHELF. THE TEXT OF THE TURKISH REPLY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"SINCE THE DEMARCATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE AEGEAN HAS NOT BEEN EFFECTED BY TURKEY AND GREECE, THE RECENT GREEK ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE CERTAIN AREAS LYING BEYOND TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE AEGEAN AS 'GREEK CONTINENTAL SHELF' RUNS COUNTER TO THE RULES AND PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE GREEK CLAIM OF VIOLATION OF GREEK SOVEREIGN RIGHTS IS, THEREFORE, UTTERLY GROUNDLESS.

"THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WISHES ALSO TO DRAW THE GREEK GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE SISMIK I IS CARRYING OUT ITS EXPLORATION OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE AEGEAN, IN AN AREA THAT STILL REQUIRES DEMARCATION.

"THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, WHILE RESERVING ITS ATTITUDE WITH REGARD TO THE DEMARCATION OF THE CONTINUED OFFICIAL USE

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NENTAL SHELF IN THE AEGEAN, WISHES TO REITERATE THAT UNILATERAL STATEMENTS AND CLAIMS BY GREECE CONSTITUTE NO LEGAL BASIS FOR THE CREATION OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, ON WHICH BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE ARE HOLDING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A SOLUTION THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES.

"IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, AND AS WEAS ALSO EXPLAINED

VERBALLY TO THE GREEK AMBASSADOR, MR. KOSMADOPOULOS, ON AUGUST 7, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE PROTEST OF THREE GREEK GOVERNMENT, WHICH LACKS ANY BASIS, AS UTTERLY UNACCEPTABLE.

"THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT DECLARES THAT EXPLORATION OPERATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF THE PROGRAM DRAWN UP, AND CALLS ON THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO REFRAIN FROM ANY PROVOCATIVE ACTION THAT COULD HAMPER EXPLORATION OPERATIONS BY SISMİK I IN THE AEGEAN."

3. GEORGE MAVROS, LEADER OF THE PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION PARTY THE UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER, UPON HIS RETURN YESTERDAY FROM A VISIT TO ISLANDS IN THE EASTERN AEGEAN ISSUED A STATEMENT IN WHICH HE OUTLINED STEPS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION RESULTING FROM "THE LATEST TURKISH PROVOCATION IN THE AEGEAN". MAVROS CALLED FOR THE IMMEDIATE BREAKING OFF OF THE BILATERAL BASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. "IT IS INCONCEIVABLE," HE SAID, "THAT AT A TIME WHEN THE ENEMY IS VIOLATING OUR SHORES, WE SHOULD BE CONTINUING TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT FOR CEDING BASES TO THE POWER WHICH...HAS ENCOURAGED ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND CONTEMPT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ETHICS." HE ALSO CALLED FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE GREEK POSITION IN NATO BECAUSE, HE CHARGED, THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE HAS NO REASON FOR EXISTENCE SINCE IT "IS IN NO POSITION TO FORESTALL AN ARMED CLASH BETWEEN TWO OF ITS MEMBERS". AS A THIRD STEP TO PROTECT GREEK NATIONAL INTERESTS MAVROS URGED "IMMEDIATE RECOURSE" TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS "TO PREVENT ANY ANOMALY IN THE INFLAMMABLE AREA OF THE AEGEAN". HE THEN POINTED TO THE NEED FOR A DIPLOMATIC CRUSADE "TO DEFEND OUR NATIONAL RIGHTS ON A WORLDWIDE SCALE". A "DYNAMIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGN POLICY AND DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE...ALONE WILL PROTECT OUR COUNTRY FROM THE CYNICAL AMORALISM PREVAILING IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TODAY", HE CONCLUDED.

4. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, LEADER OF THE PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PASOK), WAS PREDICTABLY EVEN MORE FIERY IN HIS REACTION. SPEAKING AT ALEXANDROPOULIS NEAR THE BORDER WITH TURKEY IN TRACE, PAPANDREOU CLAIMED THAT TURKEY HAD VIOLATED THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF GREECE IN WHAT "IS TANTAMOUNT TO THE TEMPORARY OCCUPATION OF GREEK TERRITORY BY THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES". PAPANDREOU CHARGED THE GOG'S RESPONSE TO THE TURKISH PROVOCATION HAD BEEN MERELY TO SEND A NOTE AND IT HAD FAILED TO WARN THE GOT THAT "A FRESH

VIOLATION OF OUR NATIONAL SPACE WOULD LEAD TO THE  
SINKING OF THE HORA...GIVEN THE FULL STATE OF READINESS  
OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THAT THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE  
PEOPLE IS REMARKABLY HIGH, SINCE OUR FRONTIERS HAVE  
BEEN VIOLATED WHY HAS THE GOVERNMENT GIVEN NO  
IMMEDIATE GREEK REPLY TO THE TURKISH INVASION? WHY  
DID IT NOT SINK THE HORA?" THE PASOK CHIEFTAIN  
WARNED THAT IF THE GOG CONTINUES ITS PRESENT POLICY  
"OF GIVING IN, MODERATION AND COMPROMISE," HIS PARTY  
WOULD BE FORCED TO DENOUNCE THIS POLICY AS UNACCEPTABLE  
AND DAMAGING TO THE NATION. TURKISH DESIGNS AGAINST  
GREECE, PAPANDREOU CHARGED, WERE SERIOUS AND LONGTERM  
AND THUS THE GOG'S REACTION SHOULD BE SERIOUS AND LONGTERM.  
RECOURSE TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WAS NOT SIFFICIENT,

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PAPANDREOU LATER TOLD NEWSMEN IN ATHENS, "MY ATTITUDE NOW IS EITHER TO SEIZE OR SINK THE HORA." HE STRESSED, "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A POLICY OF NATIONAL BETRAYAL." IN STATING THAT THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE GREEK ISLANDS IN THE AEGEAN WAS GREEK, PAPANDREOU URGED THE GOG TO PUBLISH A MAP DEFINING THE EXACT GREEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINENTAL SHELF AND CALLED FOR THE EXTENSION OF GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 12 MILES "SINCE IT WAS SCANDALOUS THAT GREECE WOULD BE THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE AREA (SIC) THAT STILL MAINTAINED THE SIX-MILE LIMIT". FINALLY, HE CHARGED THAT GREECE WAS FACING A DANGER IN THE AEGEAN STEMMING FROM AMERICAN MOTIVATED TURKISH EXPANSIONISM.

5. THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE INTERIOR, LIKEWISE, CRITICIZED THE GOG FOR ITS "LUKEWARM" ATTITUDE OVER THE VIOLATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BY THE SISMIK. PARTY LEADER LEONIDAS KYRKOS SPOKE IN CORINTH YESTERDAY AND CLAIMED GREECE SHOULD SEEK RECOURSE TO THE UN AND DENOUNCE BEFORE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION" THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR TURKISH EXPANSIONISM.

6. PRIME MINISTER CARAMNLIS AGAIN CONVENED HIS GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE YESTERDAY EVENING AND AGAIN THIS MORNING TO EXAMINE THE GREEK RESPONSE TO THE TURKISH NOTE TO DETERMINE THE GOG'S NEXT STEPS, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT PROMISED TO MAKE PUBLIC TODAY. IN FACT, AS WE CONCLUDE THIS TELEGRAM, IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT UNDER SECRETARY FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION LAMBRIAS HAS SCHEDULED A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR 1:30 P.M. LOCAL.  
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